

I believe the morse code testing requirement should stay in place. I do not see how the fact of taking a simple 5wpm receiving test is so burdensome to the applicant as stated by the NCVEC. If the mere fact of taking a test to prove the ability to copy morse code and to answer a few questions or have a full minute of solid copy is a burden to the applicant then the other test he or she will encounter will also be a burden.

I have met operators with various handicaps and have achieved a higher license class by passing both a written exam and passing the needed morse code requirement. I have also known operators that are merely unable to dedicate enough time and thought to learn morse code and pass the test. These people only want what the rest of the amateur radio operators that have passed a morse code test have but just are not in the mood to work for it.

The statement of not planning on using morse code as a reason for dropping the requirement is also another excuse for not working for what you want. There are a number of modes that all of us had to learn about and test on yet are not using for one reason or another. Are we saying drop those modes from the testing process? No we are not, we test on them and then operate on the modes we wish to. This is the same with morse code.

I understand that morse code is not for everyone, neither is RTTY, SSTV, AMTOR just to name a few. To drop the morse code requirement is only giving in to the people that do not wish to work for what they want. If these people are so distinguished, capable, with degrees, or such intelligence to be so successful in life as I have heard then it should be no problem for them to learn a simple 5wpm and pass the test.

I worked for my Extra Class license. I passed my 5wpm/13wpm/20wpm morse code tests. I had solid copy of the entire test for my 13wpm and my 20wpm tests and did not have to use the question portion of the test. It can be done if one wants it bad enough.